

# RURAL ROUTE ISSUE IS BECOMING ACUTE; BURLESON TARGET

Effort to Secure Law Curtailing Powers of Postmaster General Expected.

## DISCRIMINATION IS CHARGED

Senator Kenyon Sends Department a Letter Giving Strong Expression to His Views.

The controversy between Postmaster General Burleson and a large part of Congress over reorganization of rural routes is becoming more acute.

It is likely to take expression in a strong effort to secure legislation that will curtail the powers of the Postmaster General.

Some Southern members are as bitter as Northern members. The Georgia delegation is incensed because of reorganizations made in that State.

One Georgia member declares that if an election were held today, Georgia would go against Wilson, such is the feeling over rural routes.

**Kenyon Charges Discrimination.** Senator Kenyon, who introduced a bill looking to curtailing the powers of the Postmaster General in the matter of rural routes, has sent to the Postoffice Department a letter giving forceful expression to his views. While it deals directly with the situation in his own State, it is also more or less general and is indicative of the sentiment of part of Congress.

Senator Kenyon did not mince words in his communication, which is addressed to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General James J. Blaklee. He declares the reorganizations of the rural free delivery have been discriminated against and that if the Postmaster General will work to cut out needless franking privileges and the sending out of "political garden seeds" by mail, he will not have to cripple the rural mail service.

Senator Kenyon recently sent to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Humboldt, Iowa, in reply, Mr. Blaklee defended the reorganization of rural routes. He declared the department was furnishing "the best possible service to the greatest number of patrons," and that the inspectors had exercised the greatest care; he said, also, that the department was ready to co-operate with the farmers and if any patrons were actually deprived of service an effort would be made to remedy the situation.

**Says Service Is Crippled.** Senator Kenyon replied today saying he had petitions in his office showing that patrons had to go a mile and a half, and even two miles, to secure mail, and that they did not receive mail for forty-eight hours. He reminded Mr. Blaklee that the roads in his State are not asphalt. He said:

"From the length of the routes you are establishing in parts of Iowa, I would judge that you think we have asphalt pavement throughout the State. I beg to inform you that we have common dirt roads and there are certain lines of the year it will be possible for rural route carriers to operate daily over the routes you have laid out."

"If the Postmaster General would co-operate with Congress and insist on making it an Administration measure to cut out a lot of the needless franking privilege and the expense of sending political garden seeds through the mails he would not have to resort to crippling the rural mail service throughout the country, and especially in the State of Iowa. I feel that we have been discriminated against in this matter."

Senator Kenyon said he was glad to co-operate in having re-established the rural mail service to which the farmers of the State are entitled and of which they are deprived.

**Old Grads Will Hold Reunion at Central Dec. 28**

What will be the last alumni reunion in the old Central High School building at Seventh and O streets, will be held the afternoon of December 28, from 3 until 6 o'clock. A crowd that will fill the building is expected. This will be the seventh reunion under the auspices of the present alumni organization.

A musical program will be given, but this will be comparatively brief, as most of the time is to be given over to reviewing school acquaintances of bygone years. A unique feature will be the singing of a mock musical tragedy of "The Grasshopper" by the members of the classes of '03 and '05, who sang it when they were members of the Students' Glee Club.

In order to defray the expenses of the reunion an admission fee will be charged. Light refreshments will be served.

**McKenna May Become New Viceroy of India**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Morning Post, in an editorial today, refers to a persistent rumor that Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, is to succeed Baron Hardinge as viceroy of India, and makes a strong protest that Mr. McKenna is a party politician and totally unsuitable for such a high position.

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# U. S. IS WARNED TO CONSERVE FARMERS

David Lubin Speaks at Final Session of Commercial Congress.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—That the economic agricultural system in Germany has placed the German empire among the great powers of the world will be told the Southern Commercial Congress tonight by David Lubin, United States delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

"If our nation is to persist and to prosper, there must be a conservation of our farmers," Lubin said today. "The farmer must take his place, as a commercial near alongside the business man of the city. This alone will bring about that economic equilibrium so essential to the life of a progressive nation. The way to bring the farmer to this status is to put into effect satisfactory rural credits and similar measures."

Lubin's address and three others, will conclude this year's session of the congress. Labor Secretary Wilson will discuss "An Agricultural Immigration for the Southern States." Senator Robert L. Owen, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, will talk on agricultural finances, and Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, will discuss "Organizing the Rural Communities."

The congress is expected to urge the Congress of the United States to hasten rural credits legislation and changes in the immigration laws. One of the most important results of the conference was declared to be the organization of the House of Southern Governors, which will meet each year to discuss Southern problems.

**Life Interests Provided For Two Widows in Wills**

Life interests to widows are given in two wills filed for probate in the office of the register of wills. Joshua W. Selby leaves his entire estate to Amelia H. Selby as long as she remains his widow. Upon her remarriage it is stipulated that the estate shall be divided equally between six children.

Alfred H. Selby, a son, is named executor. The property at M street and Howison place northwest is given to Susie Clomax in the will of her husband, Jefferson Clomax, to retain as long as she remains unmarried. The will directs that the property be sold in event of the remarriage of Mrs. Clomax and the proceeds divided between five sons. Mrs. Clomax is made executrix.

The children of Catherine Gleason are the chief beneficiaries under her will, which devises \$5 to each of her grandchildren and leaves the remainder of the estate to Bartholemew and James Gleason, sons, and Mrs. Bridget McCormick, a daughter. Bartholemew Gleason named executor.

The estate of Henry B. Cattell is left to the children, and Fred J. Mersheimer, William M. Barclay and Fannie B. Cattell are named to administer it.

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